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Sir:

**REQUEST TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF PATENT**

The Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal (PTOL - 85) and issue and publication fees were submitted in this application using the USPTO's Electronic Filing System on November 26, 2007. In checking the USPTO's PAIR System it shows that the issue fee payment was verified and received on that date. It also shows that the application was considered ready for issue and dispatched to FDC on December 21, 2007. However, no patent has yet been issued from the application.

Accordingly, the office of applicant's undersigned attorney contacted Ms. Durham of the publication division today regarding the failure of the patent to issue. After attempting to check the matter, she advised that she would have to place the application on a special handling

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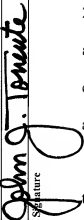
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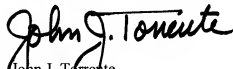
list so that the matter could be investigated further. She also advised that we should telephone the publication division in 14 business days and by that time she hoped that the matter would have been corrected.

This is a follow up written confirmation of the telephone conversation and a formal request that this matter be expedited so that the patent is issued as soon as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

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